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Local national's tip helps MND – B's 53rd EOD find, destroy bomb located near mosque

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BAGHDAD – Acting on a tip from an Iraqi citizen, a team from MND – B's 53rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company stopped a potential threat Friday by finding and disposing of an MK-84 bomb near a mosque south of Al Hillah.

Due to the bomb's location near the religious shrine, the team had no other choice than to burn the bomb in place as a last resort, which it was able to do without any damage to the mosque, Iraqi citizens or MND – B Soldiers.

Elsewhere, Soldiers from Multi-National Division – Baghdad's 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division's Special Police Transition Team, found a murdered body and a weapons cache Friday while on patrol in southern Baghdad.

The victim had been shot in the chest.

The cache consisted of two 60mm mortar tubes, 11 60mm rounds, two rocketpropelled grenades with two rockets, 60 7.62mm rounds, five roadside bombs primed with washing machine timers, two cordless phones, five additional washing machine timers and one anti-tank hand grenade.

One of the mortar-firing devices was mounted to the back of a tractor.

An MND-B Explosive Ordnance Disposal team secured the cache to ensure that it would not be used against Coalition Forces.

In another incident, an Iraqi woman and child were wounded Friday when a terrorist's mortar round impacted on a house in the Al Kadhmiyah area of northern Baghdad.

Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 6th Iraqi Army Division, transported the wounded to a local hospital for treatment.